War Diary I - Fear & Loathing in Kyiv

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> *"They were all in love with dyin'*
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> *They were drinking from a fountain*
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> *That was pouring like an avalanche*
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> *Coming down the mountain"*
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> -Pepper by Butthole Surfers

Not dead yet, I just haven't been active because I actually despise this website. There's like a couple dozen actually smart people on here, the primary Soystack™ experience is posting a random shitpost then getting an essay in the replies from some medication addled boomer that thinks they're smart because their incoherent nonsense is longer than a Twitter post. Billions.

Anyhow, I've been chilling in Kyiv for the last couple weeks handling paperwork, bureaucratic nonsense & making final preparations. My actual military experience hasn't quite started but I'd thought I write about my preliminary experience in the somewhat safe part of the country. Surprisingly, I did not go through customs at any point in my travels. The US didn't check my stuff while leaving, Germany barely checked my passport, Poland didn't even bother doing that. The Ukie border guards at least asked why I was here.

The bus from Warsaw to Kyiv was an interesting ride, we stayed off of major roads because Russians like targeting it in the off chance they can take out an international fighter or something. The western part of Ukraine is pretty much normal, it feels similar to MidWest except those old ComBloc apartment buildings. Getting closer to Kyiv, I started seeing those improvised pillboxes made from concrete barriers. These were hastily set up in early 2022 to slow the Russian advance which failed to advance far enough to even encounter them on the western side of the city.

Other than a few destroyed buildings, Kyiv looks pretty typical for a European capital. Impressive historic architecture mixed with similarly impressive Soviet era architecture with a sprinkling of boring modern buildings. The streets are clean & fairly safe, I haven't witnessed any crime other than public intoxication. It's a bit dingy & greyscale everywhere, but that's the norm for Eastern Europe.

The air raids go on intermittently every day. Most of these are pointless, the city defenders take them out before they reach the city. Every now & again there's a large attack that actually scores some hits ("hits" referring to random apartment blocks or something), & the explosions can be felt for a few miles. Whenever there's a major attack you can hear the .50cals going off & see tracers flying into the sky, the drones usually detonate midair when struck. I've only seen one missile launch, which is generally reserved for larger cruise missiles. It hit its target, so that was cool. The closest attack was a couple Shahed drones impacting a few hundred meters away while I was out with a friend. Another Shahed flew directly overhead at an altitude of maybe 200 meters before being taken out by a machine gun team.

Everyone ignores the air raids. You're supposed to take cover under a bridge or in the metro, but the drones really aren't that dangerous & rarely make it to the city anyway. Even the close strike mentioned above was ignored by the locals, other than some high school boys cheering on the machine gun.

The military is still omnipresent though, most murals & graffiti around the city are depicting military units & the like. Azov has dozens, in general most of the old volunteer battalions like Sich & DaVinci Wolves are over represented along with the units which took part in the defense of Kyiv. It's also common to see community events put on by various military units. This includes everything from charity drives & military training for the youth. They're surprisingly popular, usually gathering crowds of a few hundred or so. You can also see the modified, camouflaged vehicles used by military units & NGOs parked around. Of course, there's a plethora of veterans & soldiers on leave. It's easy to spot a military type when you are one, they usually notice it with me as well. It helps that they all wear their unit patches whenever possible.

Talking to the locals is fun, their initial reaction to hearing my accent/English is something to the effect of *"What the fuck are you doing here?"* & they're always excited when they learn I'm an international fighter. Being in the Azov pipeline garners some extra respect because the entire unit is insanely popular here. The wolfsangel & black sun are also absolutely everywhere, I bought a hoodie with a black sun graphic at a major shopping mall & every patch shop has a bunch. Another common one is the reichsadler with the trident instead of the swastika. Graffiti, tattoos, clothing, these symbols are everywhere.

While out with friends, we happened upon a couple Germans that approached us. One was a longtime medical volunteer that works with the field hospitals a few kilometers behind the lines, the other was a film student who was tagging along to film a documentary. The medic seemed apolitical other than supporting Ukraine, his shakes also made it abundantly clear how much he'd seen. The cameraman was a libtard, Bernie Sanders type. He was happy to learn none of us were fans of Trump, he was less happy to learn it's because we were significantly further to the right. The medic showed us his wounds from an ATGM fired at his vehicle by Wagner fighters outside Bakhmut, he also showed us the video the Wagnerites posted on Telegram showing their POV of the shot. 4km direct hit on a moving pickup truck with wire guidance, hell of a shot.

In another encounter I was approached by a random local at a bar who noticed my Misanthropic Division sweatshirt. He was a big fan of NSBM & all that, we took shots & the alt girl bartender heiled with us. Wasn't expecting all of it from a hipster bar. He was a veteran of the illustrious 80th Air Assault which routed the VDV outside Kyiv, now working with the HUR.

I also happened upon a charity drive being run by a congregation of Messianic Jews, I decided to hold my tongue about my usual opinion on the Hivebs because they were all pretty kind. After asking around, I found that not a single person was ethnically Jewish. Further, they were all very critical of actual Judaism & Israel. After a few conversations I found out that "Messianic Judaism" is just Protestant Christianity. They're basically less schizophrenic evangelicals, one said they were a huge fan of Billy Graham after finding out I was American. I don't know if this is all of Messianic Judaism or specific to Orthodox countries that didn't have a Protestant Reformation. Odd phenomenon.

Overall, morale is high. Virtually everyone I've met has been quite enthusiastic about the war. Soldiers, normal workers, women, all of them are extremely nationalistic. All of them are very open about facing the *"mongrel horde & their bolshevik masters,"* in the words of a university student I spoke to. I expected this enthusiasm from the nationalist elements, I underestimated how strong the cultural victory of these elements has been in the past decade.

I also attended a rally run by the 3rd Separate Assault Brigade, which was formed in 2022 by volunteers from the National Corps (far-right party). It's almost surreal seeing RW organizations that are actually useful. The various organizations like National Corps, Right Sector, DIYA, etc. all have memberships in the tens of thousands & (prior to the war) gained hundreds of thousands of votes. That is to say nothing of the fact that all of these groups have their own military wings numbering in the thousands & usually the most illustrious units in the ATU. Although basically all of these groups have left politics in order to focus on the war effort, their service has not gone unrecognized among the normies. It turns out wearing balaclavas & beating up minorities resonates with people a lot more than whining on Xwitter & walking around with polyester print-on-demand flag.

All the guys I met were cool, not all National Socialists but certainly fellow travelers & pretty sharp cats. I met some younger dudes with Centuria, a youth movement roughly similar to Combat 18, that were autistic enough to be impressed with my background in the Atomwaffen Division. There's a nightclub in Kyiv that's known for being a fag safe space & easy place to score drugs, they told me the story of how they shattered the windows & smoked everyone out one night. I actually thought they were exaggerating but looked up later & they actually undersold the event. Alongside that, they also put on their own raves to keep morale up in civilians while keeping the degenerates out. Much to learn from those guys.

As for the fellow recruits, they're mostly good dudes. A lot of Eastern Euros with a grudge against Russia & Americans with a boredom problem. One of the more interesting is an Afghani here looking for a fight now that his country is too peaceful to die honorably. It's definitely a better make up than the riff raff going into the Marine Corps, though there's a lot of selection factors that dissuade the weak & retarded from actually showing up. Everyone is here to kill, not some bullshit like "serving my country" or paying for college.

Despite my initial plan being to whore out for a while, the first woman I met has become my girlfriend. It's interesting seeing a dating scene where your relationship worth is based on which brigade you serve in, & having women that are more concerned with kill counts than your income. So much for leaving nothing behind.

My emotional state is unchanged from before my trip, the paperwork process is annoying as always but only fools rush in so perhaps it's for the best. The edge is being put on, steadily, & blood is flowing faster. I guess the best word for my feelings at this time is anticipation.

I will update again when able.

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Regarding your comment about Messianic Judaism, in the U.S. it's 50/50. Sometimes you get ethnic Jews who believe in Jesus and are basically Protestants + Jewish observances, sometimes it's Evangelical Protestants who love Judaism so much they decide to go the extra mile. In either case, they will either be extreme ultra-Zionists or anti-Zionists. I've never met one that wasn't a nice person, but they're always a little cuckoo in the head.
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